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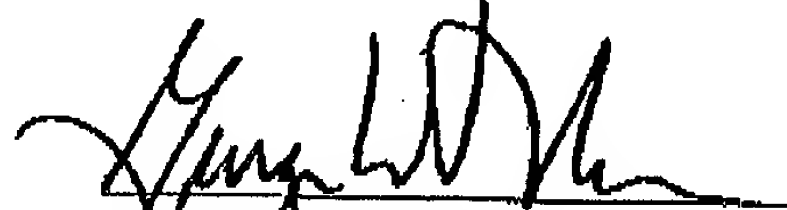
Claims 14, 26 and 27 are pending, claims 14 and 26 are allowed and claim 27 stands rejected. The Examiner has rejected claim 27 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph. Applicants have cancelled claim 27 to expedite allowance of this application.

It is respectfully submitted that upon entry, the present application will be in condition for allowance in the event that the Examiner grants entry to the amendments. Therefore, an early reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner wish to discuss any of the amendments and/or remarks made herein, the undersigned attorney would appreciate the opportunity to do so.

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